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## Joint Resolution

Designating the week beginning October 27, 1985, as "National Alopecia Areata Awareness Week".

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Whereas alopecia areata is a serious disease affecting approximately two million people;

Whereas alopecia areata, which usually afflicts children and young adults, causes severe and often permanent hair loss;

Whereas the coordinated efforts of support groups in forty-two States have helped thousands of people cope with the physical and emotional problems caused by alopecia areata;

Whereas much of the trauma associated with alopecia areata could be reduced through greater public awareness, understanding, and education; and

Whereas the cause of alopecia areata is unknown, and promising research efforts to find a cure for the disease should be promoted: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning October 27, 1985, is designated as "National Alopecia Areata Awareness Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 12, 1985.